ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

User interaction with a secure resource is controlled or mediated by the security server that includes a telephony interface by which the server is either coupled to the telephone system or provides messages to the telephone system directly or through an intermediate component. A biometric data store stores biometric data, such as speech data or visual recognition data. If desired the biometric data may also be stored in association with the extension identifiers of the telephone system. A biometric verification/.identification system accesses this data store and evaluates provided user biometric data vis-à-vis the stored biometric data to determine if the user may control or interact with the secure resource. If interaction is permitted, the security server sends control signals to the secure resource. The telephone system provides an interface through which the user trains the system to store the biometric verification/.identification data of that user.